



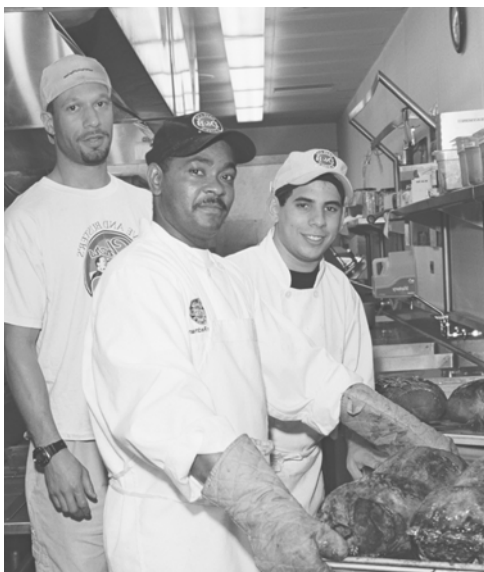
Linkages to Learning, a Collaborative School-based Partnership among the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Montgomery County Public Schools, Public and Private Agencies, Families and Communities

Another Terrific Dave & Busters Thanksgiving



For the fourth consecutive year, Dave & Buster's at White Flint Mall hosted Linkages children and parents on Thanksgiving Day 2003. This year, Dave & Buster's served 600 individuals, with a sumptuous buffet, free playing time on the arcade games and gifts for each child.

Danny Santos, a cook at the restaurant, volunteered to work on the holiday, along with dozens of other employees. "I love doing this every year," said Santos. "My parents were immigrants and had to learn English when they came here. This is a chance for me to give back." A graduate of Rockville H.S., Santos noted that he is now attending L'Academie De Cuisine to become a chef.



Remy Wellborn, manager at Dave & Buster's, stated "Our employees have chosen to give their time on a day which is usually a day off with your own family. It truly shows how dedicated they are to

the community and to people in need." In recognition of Dave & Buster's contributions, the Commission on Children and Youth last year selected the restaurant as a recipient of its "Outstanding Service to Youth" award in the business category.

Linkages staff from schools across Montgomery County invited families who might not otherwise enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. They sought out families who lack the time and financial resources to have a "special afternoon" out of their homes. For many parents, having someone else prepare food, serve the meal and clean up is a rare and welcome treat.

Along with several Linkages staff, Paul Scott, MCPS representative to Linkages Resource Team attended the event, and explained "The afternoon event offers the opportunity for many people to participate in an important American tradition. We now have parents and children who, after attending Thanksgiving at Dave and Buster's, eagerly await next November."



Broad Acres family (above left); Danny Santos with kitchen staff. (left); D&B's shares holiday gifts (right)
Courtesy of Kammerman Portraits

Hold on to your Teacup! Monday May 10th is Linkages 2nd Annual Mother's Tea at Rockville's Glenview Mansion. The Tea raises funds for Linkages' mothers programs. (p. 2)



Inside this Issue:

Highlights	2
Donors & Partners	3-10
Welcome Staff & Interns	11
Montgomery's Best	12

Garvey Thanks Linkages Professionals



Kate Garvey, chief, Children, Youth and Families at MCDHHS

In January, Kate Garvey, chief of Children, Youth and Families at the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, addressed 60 Linkages professionals at their annual breakfast meeting.

"You are providing valuable services for some of our families who need help the most. As I listen to the review of your accomplishments, I am extremely proud of your ability to provide so many responsive and culturally-sensitive services. I see how you bring in other resources to your communities, which is especially helpful

during these difficult fiscal times. By increasing these community partnerships, you have increased prevention programming and also generated awareness among your partners about the difficulties that so many of your families face. I thank you for your dedication and hard work."



Linkages mothers learn about community resources at Oak View E.S.

Linkages to Learning's 2nd Annual Mothers Empowerment Tea

Join Montgomery County Executive Douglas Duncan and Montgomery County Council President Steve Silverman at **Linkages to Learning's 2nd Annual Mothers Empowerment Tea on Monday, May 10, 2004**. The event will be held from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the beautiful Glenview Mansion at Rockville's Civic Center Park. The Mothers Empowerment Tea generates funding to support Linkages' Mothers Empowerment Program, including Through the Kitchen Door, Mothers Retreats at Rising Phoenix and Mothers Support Groups. Guests will be treated to delicacies prepared by Through the Kitchen Door graduates and chamber music performed by local students. Supporters may bid in our silent auction, enjoy fabulous food and network with Linkages friends.

Through the Kitchen Door

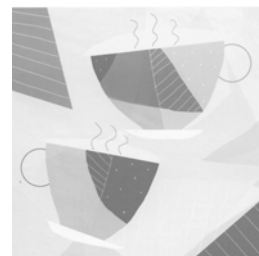
This week-long course in food preparation and nutrition is tailored to the cultural and social needs of our parents. The training provides skills to use in the home and workplace and helps improve participants' confidence and self-determination.

Mothers Retreats at Rising Phoenix

Hands-on activities are interwoven with supportive counseling at this mountain-side retreat in Western Maryland. The arts and the natural environment help women connect, reflect and set goals for themselves and their families.

Mothers Support Groups

Developed to reduce isolation and to initiate a system of social support, these groups help mothers cope with many challenges. As the women meet each week, they develop a network of friendships and the guidance of a facilitator helps them learn new skills.



Invitations will be mailed in April. For more details about sponsorship opportunities or to inquire about contributions of goods or services for the silent auction, contact Vivian Yao at 240.777.1109, vivian.yao@montgomerycountymd.gov

Thanks to our Donors and Partners

Besides delivering Linkages' counseling, prevention and family support services, Linkages staff work with community partners and volunteers to augment family resources, resolve emergencies and support programming. Thanks to our wonderful partners for helping the children and neighbors we serve:

Linkages-Wide Donations

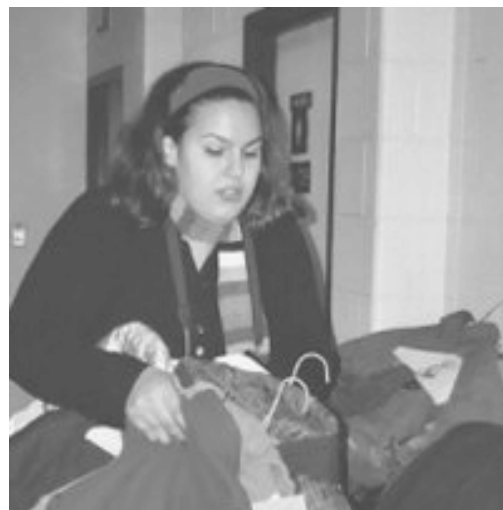
- **The Colburn Family Foundation and the United for D.C. "Kicks for Kids" program** for donating 1,440 D.C. United Soccer tickets to Linkages families for the 2003 season.
- **Hugo Galindo, Leon Reed, Doug Schuessler and volunteers from Montgomery Soccer Incorporated (MSI)**, for funding Soccer Start at Broad Acres E.S. and Highland E.S., serving 326 students.
- **Vanessa Piala and Amy Young and Westland M.S. PTA**, for donating school supplies to students at Parkland M.S. and other Linkages sites.
- **Chris Collins Weinstein of Chevy Chase**, for delivering hundreds of new children's books donated by USA Today .
- **Carol Olmstead**, for donating an entertainment system to a Linkages family.
- **Kitchens Etc. and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church** for donating space for **Through the Kitchen Door's** nutrition, cooking and life skills training.

Linkages-Wide Clothing and Children's Donations

- **Volunteer Carrie Hurd, Paige O'Connor, Bethesda E.S. PTA; Diane Horn, Bethesda-Chevy Chase H.S. PTSA; Ellen Shearer, Chevy Chase E.S. PTA; Robin Shaffert, Jody Gan, Nancy Platt, North Chevy Chase E.S. PTA; Linda Wolpert, Lyn Penniman, Rock Creek Forest E.S. PTA; Robin Mansfield, Rosemary Hills E.S. PTA; Sonia Chesson, Sara Sennett, Somerset E.S. PTA; Chris Lawrence, Westbrook E.S. PTA and Alicia Tompkins, Vanessa Piala, Charlotte Fremaux from Westland M.S. PTA**, for organizing B-CC's "Operation Warm Up," donating over 600 clean coats and collecting funds for new mittens, gloves and hats .
- **Dry Clean Depot in Silver Spring and Bethesda, Fashion Craft Cleaners in Bethesda, and Bradley Cleaners in Bethesda** for donating services to support "Operation Warm Up."
- **Phyllis Kass Interiors, Christopher Dodge Real Estate, Jane Fairweather Realtors, and Cindy Chambers of**

Long and Foster Realtors for donating funds to support "Operation Warm Up."

- **Jon, Susan and Eliot Gerson of Kensington**, for donating \$25 to purchase warm winter hats and gloves for Linkages children.
- **Rocket Corps co-chairs Maureen Boyce and Mara Anderson of Richard Montgomery H.S., and Danielle Michael, Danielle Carpenter, Neelan Sharma, Erin Mattos, Abbey Becker, Ley Lacbawan, Jane Liebert, and Amanda Rhodes**, for organizing a coat drive and collecting hundreds of coats and warm clothing for Linkages families, with the support of **advisor Julie Good and Lily Look**, parent volunteer.



Rocket Corps Volunteer Maureen Boyce.

- **Janice Huey, Karen Clarkson, and Bannockburn E.S. PTA**, for donating hats and gloves to children from Kemp Mill ES.
- **Lee Eglovitch of Potomac**, for donating 11 coats to support "Operation Warm Up."
- **Connie Jacobson and Farmland E.S. PTA**, for donating coats and winter clothing and baby items to Linkages families.
- **Debbie Rosen and Elaine Lisker and SGA students Amber Guzman, Ivonne Espinosa, Erica Espinosa, Gelila Berhan, Almendra Ramirez and Megan Lasek of Roberto Clemente M.S.**, for donating 20 large bags of coats and clothing to Linkages families.
- **Edna Turner and the Helping Hands Knitting Group of Rockville's Senior Center**, for donating dozens of sweaters, hats and mittens to families from Maryvale E.S. and other Linkages sites.

Thanks to our Donors and Partners

- **Karen Greenberg and the families of Beth Ami Nursery School**, for donating toys, children's clothing, baby items and snack foods.
- **Mitchell Gerber of Rockville**, for donating a toddler bed, highchair and baby items to Linkages families.
- **Joanna Hornbeck of Bethesda**, for donating her Barbie collection to a Summit Hall E.S. family.
- **Caryn Fisher of Rockville**, for donating 8 bags of maternity clothes and toys to Linkages families.
- **Marcie Lovett of Olney**, for donating baby items to Linkages families
- **Sheilah O'Connor of DHHS**, for donating baby items to Linkages families.
- **Sharlene Matten of Rockville**, for donating baby equipment to Linkages families.
- **Build-A-Bear patrons at Westfield ShoppingTown Montgomery and First Book Montgomery County**, for donating 81 children's books to Linkages children.
- **Kammerman Portraits**, for donating photography services at Dave & Buster's Thanksgiving event and for donating prints to families.
- **Toys for Tots and Hearts and Hands Inc.**, for donating 571 gifts to Linkages children.
- **Raman Gupta and the SGA of Whitman High School**, for donating dozens of holiday gifts to Linkages families.
- **Bruce Kahan, staff and families of All Saints All Day Child Care Centers in Chevy Chase, Bethesda and Silver Spring**, for donating over 100 toys to Linkages' families.



Alcira Colon and Ibrayina Aldana bring coats and gifts to families at Fox Chapel ES, Sally Ride E.S. and Gaithersburg M.S.

Linkages-Wide Holiday Giving

- **Ron Yudd and volunteers from Leadership Cares**, for providing 162 Thanksgiving dinners to Linkages families.
- **Credella Duvall and Lockheed Martin**, for donating Thanksgiving dinners for 27 families.
- **Cheryl Warden and Lockheed Martin**, for donating 40 skateboards and helmets to Linkages families for holiday giving.
- **U.S. Representative Chris Van Hollen and staff**, for donating dozens of holiday toys to 17 children from Linkages families.
- **David Cohen and colleagues at David's Beautiful People Salon in Rockville**, for donating holiday gifts to 40 Linkages children from Rolling Terrace E.S. and Fox Chapel E.S.
- **Katie Colburn**, for donating an assortment of Sally Foster gifts and wrappings to Linkages' families.
- **Julie Good and the Persian Club of Richard Montgomery H.S.**, for donating dozens of holiday gifts for teens in December.
- **Jeanette Jackson and the families and staff of RDCA's Brookhaven Child Development Center**, for sponsoring a gift and winter clothing drive for Linkages families.
- **Nicole Stewart and the families and staff of the Sligo Creek Child Development Center**, for sponsoring a gift and winter clothing drive for Linkages families.
- **Cherterel Goss of Silver Spring**, for donating \$500 to Linkages holiday giving drive.
- **Lorraine Trexler of Kensington**, for donating dozens of new stuffed animals, hats, gloves, mittens, socks, tights, holiday decorations and gift-wrap to Linkages families.
- **Roz Phillips and Elinor J. Rough**, for coordinating Linkages gift drive among MCPS employees at the Carver Educational Service Center.
- **Sylvan Learning Center of Gaithersburg**, for participating in the gift and food drive for Linkages families.
- **Edward Kubis and colleagues at Summerford Corporation**, for donating dozens of holiday gifts to Linkages families.

Thanks to our Donors and Partners

- **Zoe Pollack of Bethesda**, for donating 28 new stuffed dogs to Linkages children for her Bat Mitzvah.
 - **Dionna Ricks**, for donating holiday gifts to a family.
 - **Chris Dutton and employees of HMS Host Corp.**, for sponsoring Thanksgiving food and December food and gift drives for Linkages families.
 - **Helen Simcox of Chevy Chase**, for donating holiday supplies and gifts to Linkages families.
 - **Patricia Schrein of Silver Spring**, for donating \$100 in food and gifts for a Linkages family.
 - **Nicholas Damico of Chevy Chase**, for donating \$35 to help a Linkages family.
 - **Muriel Murray of Kensington**, for donating \$25 to support Linkages holiday giving drive.
 - **Michael Fowler and students at Mater Dei School**, for organizing a sporting goods drive for Linkages families and programs in the Long Branch neighborhood.
 - **Judy Beman of Silver Spring**, for donating \$25 for Linkages holiday gift drive.
 - **Jean Fowler and Patti Cochran and employees of WTOP and 103.5 Radio stations**, for donating food for holiday baskets and grocery gift cards to Linkages families.
 - **Georgette Bachinsky of Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Services**, for donating five \$20 Target gift certificates to Linkages teens.
 - **Ada Bonner Price of Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Services**, for donating holiday gifts to 2 Linkages teens in December.
 - **Linkages staff members**, for donating to Linkages holiday giving drive.
- Eastern M.S.**
- **Tracy Boddy of Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Services**, for donating holiday gifts for a student.
 - **Tzu Chi Buddhist Foundation**, for donating holiday food baskets to 30 families.
 - **Karen Seibert and Betsy Sanford and Cadette Girl Scout Troop 1230**, for donating holiday gifts to 10 families.
 - **Justin Griffin**, for donating holiday gifts to 2 families.
 - **Mr. and Mrs. Valdez from Eastern M.S.**, for donating holiday gifts to 2 families.
 - **Jeannette Hayes from Eastern M.S.**, for donating holiday gifts to 2 families.
 - **Tim Brennan from Eastern M.S.**, for donating holiday gifts to a family.
 - **Mr. and Mrs. Cox from Eastern M.S.** for donating holiday gifts to a family.
 - **Ann Roldan from Eastern M.S.**, for donating holiday gifts to a family.
- Montgomery Knolls E.S. and Pine Crest E.S.**
- **Lynn Spratley and Marvin Memorial Methodist Church**, for donating holiday gifts to 3 families.
 - **Louise and Silver Spring Church of Christ**, for donating Thanksgiving food to 7 families and December holiday gifts and food to a family.
 - **Carla Mitchell and National Food Processors Association**, for donating Thanksgiving food for 2 families and \$100 worth of Giant gift cards in December.
 - **Alison Hoffman and iNetXperts**, for donating holiday gifts and food to 2 families.
 - **Alison and Mike Hoffman**, for volunteering to help wrap and distribute gifts.
 - **Sharon Tait and the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services**, for donating gifts to a family who were victims of a fire.
 - **Montgomery Knolls E.S. and Pine Crest E.S. Staff**, for donating gifts to 48 children through the Giving Snowman Project.
 - **Karin and Colleen at NHR Regional Rehab at Friendship Heights**, for donating food and holiday gifts to family.
 - **Bev McGehee, Trish Esposito, Ruth Kelly and the PTAs at Montgomery Knolls E.S. and Pine Crest E.S.**, for donating Giant and Target gift cards to families for the Thanksgiving and the December holidays.
 - **Cathy Dodson and family**, for donating holiday gifts and food to a family.

Thanks to our Donors and Partners

Oak View E.S. and New Hampshire Estates E.S.

- **Liz Wilson**, for donating holiday gifts to a family.
- **Tzu Chi Buddhist Compassion Relief Foundation of Washington D.C.**, for sponsoring a Health Fair and donating flu shots to Linkages families and Thanksgiving food for 15 families.
- **Bethesda-Chevy Chase H.S. students and staff and PTSA coordinator Desiree Magney**, for donating holiday gifts to 100 children.



B-CC PTSA and students with gifts for Oak View E.S.

Rolling Terrace E.S.

- **Alison Merow and the staff and families of Aidan Montessori**, for adopting 7 families for the December holidays.

Silver Spring International M.S.

- **Tzu Chi Buddhist Compassion Relief Foundation of Washington D.C.**, for donating Thanksgiving food to 30 families and holiday gifts to 18 students.
- **D and R International and its employees**, for donating over a dozen holiday gifts.
- **Staff and PTSA members of Silver Spring International M.S.**, for donating dozens of holiday gifts.
- **Juan Cardenas, Elizabeth Cooper Martin, Cynthia Copanzzi, Constance Joppy, Frances Robertson and Chris Sturm of MCPS**, for donating holiday gifts.
- **Faye McAneny of Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Services**, for donating holiday gifts to a student.

- **Alzada Hill**, for donating holiday gifts and household items.
- **Joyce Williams and employees of Optimus Corporation**, for donating holiday gifts to two families.

Highland E.S.

- **Wheaton Kiwanis Club**, for donating food baskets to 24 families.
- **Wheaton Presbyterian Church**, for donating Thanksgiving and December food and toys to 10 families and winter hats and gloves.
- **American Legion of Wheaton**, for donating food baskets to 10 families.
- **Connecticut Avenue Estates Association**, for donating a \$25 gift certificate to a family
- **St. Mark's Orthodox Church of Bethesda**, for donating 15 holiday food baskets to 67 family members.
- **American Legion of Wheaton**, for donating holiday food baskets to 11 families.
- **Olney Kiwanis**, for donating over 50 toys to families.
- **Hope Worldwide**, for donating over 60 toys to families.

Gaithersburg E.S.

- **Montgomery County Holiday Giving Coalition and the City of Gaithersburg**, for meeting the holiday giving needs of families at the school.
- **Ann and Alan Toblin**, for donating a computer to the Health Room of Gaithersburg ES.

Summit Hall E.S.

- **Linda Mayo and Cindy Cunningham and the Travilah E.S. PTA**, for donating \$1,162 to support Linkages.
- **Robin and Julian Mansfield**, for donating a car to a family, and to the **Episcopal Church of Ascension and Community Ministries** for supporting the transaction.
- **City of Gaithersburg**, for coordinating Holiday Giving donations to 54 families.

Thanks to our Donors and Partners

- **Summit Hall E.S. staff and anonymous donors**, for donating of food, clothing, household items and computers to families.
- **Henry Aldana of Aldana and Associates** in Rockville, for donating a \$165 scholarship to a parent to attend a food management course at Montgomery College.

Sally Ride E.S. and Gaithersburg M.S.

- **Kate Hobbs of Germantown**, for donating Thanksgiving food to 2 families.
- **Darlene Yeager of Gaithersburg**, for donating holiday food, toys and clothing to 4 families.
- **Madgie McGaugh and family of Gaithersburg**, for adopting 4 families during the holidays.
- **Terry Schellhardt of Germantown**, for adopting a family during the holidays.
- **Heather Bath of Germantown**, for adopting a family during the holidays.
- **Lisa Yim and Brownie Troop 3603 of Germantown**, for adopting a family for the holidays.
- **Kristen Tulip and Mary Jo Giovancchini of the Cedar Valley Community Association in Germantown**, for adopting 2 families during the holidays.
- **The staff of Sally Ride E.S. for donating presents to 12 families, and Sally Ride E.S.PTA** for donating food baskets to 15 families.
- **Elizabeth Cooper of Germantown**, for helping to distribute food and gifts to families.
- **Tony Ghanem of Gaithersburg**, for donating \$500 to families.
- **Nader Saleh and Chicken Basket Restaurant in Gaithersburg**, for donating meals to Linkages families at Gaithersburg M.S. and Gaithersburg E.S.
- **Kaiser Permanente**, for donating Thanksgiving and December holiday food and gifts to 4 families.
- **The City of Gaithersburg**, for serving Gaithersburg families during the Thanksgiving and December holidays.

Fox Chapel E.S.

- **Isabel Cassen of Montgomery County Dept. of Health and Human Services**, for donating gifts to a student.
- **Gresham Oliver, Donna Shullenbarger, Mary Lou Naughton, Diana Dacca, Christine Powell and staff and friends of Fox Chapel E.S.**, for donating holiday gifts to 68 children.
- **Frances Cox and employees of Genvec Company**, for donating holiday gifts and sponsoring a family throughout the year.
- **Debbie Sullivan of Academy Child Development Center**, for donating holiday gifts to families.
- **Chris Mangum and family**, for donating holiday gifts to families and sponsoring a family throughout the year.

Kennedy Cluster

- **Amy Bernstein and Daniel Goldenberg of Silver Spring**, for donating \$250 to help families in the Argyle M.S. community.
- **Kennedy Cluster guidance counselors** for working closely with Linkages during its Thanksgiving food and holiday gift drives. 49 families were referred for food baskets, and 83 families with 202 children received gifts.
- **Amy Christianson and Sandy Spring Friends Meeting** for donating 148 holiday gifts to families.
- **Revonda Moser and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church** for donating 210 holiday gifts to families.
- **Linnea Carlson and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**, for coordinating school supplies for 54 children.
- **Linnea Carlson of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**, for donating 30 holiday gifts to families.
- **Marie Jackson of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**, for donating 50 hand-knitted baby items.
- **Terri Stith and the staff of Argyle M.S.**, for donating 105 holiday gifts to families.
- **Deb Danielson, Madeline Griffin, Patricia Brasher and the staff of Georgian Forest E.S.**, for donating 76 gifts to families.

Thanks to our Donors and Partners

- **Mike Green and the Olney Kiwanis**, for donating 100 toys to families.
- **Wendy Campbell, Mary Grant and the staff of E. Brooke Lee M.S.**, for donating \$500 donation in Target gift cards and 2 gifts certificates to families through its "Gifts for Adolescents" drive.
- **George Fountain and Argyle M.S. PTA**, for donating food and Giant gift certificates to 50 families.



Lori Herring, site coordinator from Viers Mill ES and Harmony Hills ES, checks her list

- **Aspen Hill Co-op Daycare**, for donating holiday gifts to 20 children.
- **Kate Houtz**, for donating December holiday food and gifts.
- **Christian Alliance and Missionary**, for donating holiday food and gifts for a family.
- **Girl Scout Troop 1487**, for donating Thanksgiving food to a family.
- **The Homemaker Club**, for donating holiday food and gifts to 4 families.
- **St. Andrew of the Apostle's Renew Group**, for donating Thanksgiving and December food and gifts to a family.

Harmony Hills E.S. and Viers Mill E.S.

- **St. Matthew's Presbyterian**, for donating \$500 in grocery gift cards to families in November and \$800 in grocery gift cards in December.
- **Bethesda United Church of Christ**, for donating Thanksgiving food baskets to 2 families.
- **Helping Hands**, for organizing a Mitten and Hat Tree, donating 20 sets for children.
- **American Legion Wheaton Post 268**, for donating grocery gift cards to 11 families at Thanksgiving and for 8 December food baskets for families.
- **Abt Associates**, for donating holiday food and gifts to 8 families.
- **Cub Scout Pack 492**, for serving 2 families during the Thanksgiving and December holidays.
- **Garrett Park E.S.**, for donating Thanksgiving and December holiday food to serve 17 families.
- **Research Triangle Institute**, for donating holiday food and gifts to 3 families.
- **Journey's Crossing**, for donating holiday gifts to 150 children.
- **Mr. and Mrs. John Kean**, for donating \$50 to families for the holidays.
- **St. Marks Orthodox Church**, for donating Thanksgiving food to 10 families and December food and gifts to 2 families.

- **St. Andrew's Lutheran Church**, for donating food for families.
- **Dana Lopez**, for donating food and gifts to a family during the holidays.
- **Oakdale Emory United Methodist Church**, for donating holiday stockings for students and siblings.

Parkland M.S.

- **Zrinka Tomic of DHHS**, for donating to the holiday giving drive.
- **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 268**, for donating and delivering Thanksgiving food baskets to 12 families and Christmas food baskets for 13 families. The American Legion also donated holiday gifts to 45 students.
- **Lezlie Crosswhite of the Mental Health Association**, for donating and delivering holiday gifts to 4 students.
- **Vicky Davis**, for donating and delivering a Thanksgiving dinner to a family.
- **Carlos Hamlin, Principal, Parkland Middle School**, for donating and delivering a Thanksgiving dinner to a family of 16.
- **Herbert Hoover M.S. Student Government Association, Adam Graham, SGA advisor and the Hoover M.S. community**, for organizing a food drive to replenish the food pantry.

Thanks to our Donors and Partners

- **Leisure World Lions Club**, for donating \$25 gift certificates to 12 families.
- **Oak Chapel United Methodist Church**, for donating \$500 in holiday gift certificates.
- **Parkland M.S. staff**, for donating holiday gifts to 35 students.
- **St. John's Lutheran Church**, for donating Thanksgiving food baskets to 2 families.
- **Carolyn Wanner of the Mental Health Association**, for donating \$250 in holiday gifts to students.
- **Joan and Dwayne Weigel**, for donating food to the school food pantry and for helping a family to move furniture.
- **Irene Williams and her 6th Grade English students**, for donating a Thanksgiving food basket to a family.
- **Millian Memorial United Methodist Church, Rev. Connie Paulson and congregants Donna Buppert, Gladys Ricker, Thelma Greene, June Greatorex, Millie Scroggs, Lynn Allen, Versella Shelton** and to the **Circle of Sisters and Witnessing and Service Committee**, for donating Thanksgiving food baskets to 15 families and holiday gifts to 50 students.
- **Edith Williams**, for helping to coordinate Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas donations.
- **Laura Burns-Heffner and family**, for donating holiday gifts to a family.
- **Janet Conner**, for donating holiday gifts to 2 families.
- **Mary Murphy**, for donating holiday gifts to a family.
- **Leslie Traub**, for donating holiday gifts to a family.
- **Cheryl Lynn Jenkins and the Montgomery County Collaboration Council**, for donating holiday gifts to families.
- **Natalie Davis**, for donating holiday gifts to 2 families.
- **Nicole Quiroga and the MCPS Division of Early Childhood Services**, for donating holiday gifts to a family.
- **Debbie Gilbert**, for donating holiday gifts to a family.
- **Elizabeth Cooper-Martin and her coworkers at MCPS**, for donating holiday gifts to 3 children.
- **Georgeann Hamilton and the MCPS Department of Alternative and Adult Education**, for donating holiday gifts to 3 families.
- **Xiomara Salgado**, for donating holiday gifts to a family.
- **Ellen Margain and Broad Acres' Kindergarten Team**, for donating a holiday basket to a family.



Rocket Corps Volunteer Danielle Carpenter loads holiday gifts

Broad Acres E.S.

- **Pat Moon**, for donating 3 holiday gift certificates to a family.
- **Felice Erdheim and Broad Acres' First Grade Team**, for donating holiday food and toys to 3 families.
- **Andrea Baranick and fiancé**, for donating holiday food and toys to a family.
- **Hope Freed**, for donating holiday gifts to a family.
- **Belinda Lehman**, for donating holiday gifts to 2 families.
- **Girl Scout Troop 5948 from the first grade class at Norwood School**, for donating 30 holiday gifts to families.
- **Doreen Petit**, for donating a holiday basket to a family.
- **Luby Ismail**, for donating Thanksgiving grocery gift cards to families.
- **Keith Snyder**, for donating grocery gift cards to families.
- **Elizabeth Burroughs**, for donating a Thanksgiving meal to a family.
- **Allen Chapel AME Church**, for donating Thanksgiving food and December gifts.

Thanks to our Donors and Partners

- **Coach Steven Bettis Jr., and the Paint Branch H.S. track team**, for donating Christmas gifts to a family.
- **Hollys Hainer**, for donating a turkey to a family.
- **Greencastle E.S. and Banneker M.S. staff members**, for donations to Linkages holiday drive.
- **Nadine Baghdadi and family**, for donating a holiday meal to a family.
- **Hope WorldWide**, for donating holiday gifts to families.
- **Toys for Tots and Hearts and Hands**, for donating toys to families.
- **Cherterel Goss**, for donating and delivering 25 tins of cookies to families.
- **Kim Watson and Pepco**, for donating school supplies and an Office Depot gift card to families.
- **Liberty Grove United Methodist Church**, for donating school supplies, hats and gloves, grocery gift cards and personal items to families.
- **Barbara McGlynn of MCPS**, for donating gifts to a student.

Rolling Terrace E.S.

- **Alison Merow and the staff and families of Aidan Montessori**, for adopting 7 families for the December holidays.

Maryvale E.S.

- **The City of Rockville and Mt. Calvary Baptist Church**, for donating food baskets and food gift cards to 65 families during the Thanksgiving and December holidays and for donating new toys to 51 students. Thanks to volunteers from Mt. Calvary for delivering food baskets.
- **Westat**, for donating beds, pots and pans, clothing, gift vouchers and food vouchers to a single-parent family of 5.
- **Julius West M.S. FACS classes**, for donating December holiday food and toys to a family.
- **Life Work Strategies**, for donating food, toys, and other goods to a family.

- **Girl Scout Troop 2587**, for donating December holiday food, toys and gifts to 2 grandparents raising grandchildren.
- **St. John's Evangelist Catholic School**, for donating food certificates, clothing, toys and other goods to 11 families.



Carol Binta, site coordinator and Toulia Candanedo, family services aide, admire Helping Hands' gifts for Maryvale E.S.' families.

- **St. Elizabeth's Catholic School and its Latino outreach team**, for donating food, gifts and toys to a family.
- **St. Mary Magdalene Sunday School**, for donating food, gifts and toys to a family.
- **Moms Club of Rockville (South)**, for donating food, gifts and toys to a family.
- **Shady Grove Adventist Hospital**, for donating December holiday food, gifts, toys and other goods for 4 families.
- **Early Childhood Development Center of Rockville**, for donating food certificates, toys and other goods.
- **Beverly Farms E.S. PTA**, for filling Maryvale's food pantry and for donating clothing.
- **Maryvale Elementary E.S. PTA**, for providing scholarships to Hands on Science and school field trips, and for donating food, clothing, winter hats and gloves.
- **Paisano's Restaurant**, for providing Thanksgiving dinners to families.

Corporate Volunteer Council: A Treasured Partner

During the CVC's annual holiday giving event at Westfield ShoppingTown Montgomery, Linkages was presented with a contribution to support its summer family literacy programs, including Linkages to the Library.

The goal of the CVC is to increase corporate volunteer participation and opportunities among Montgomery County businesses. The CVC works closely with the Montgomery County Volunteer Center to link businesses to needs in the non-profit and public community.



L to R: Steve Silverman, president of the Montgomery County Council, Melody Khalatbari, community affairs manager, Comcast; Ilene Sparber, program manager, Linkages; Bill Schlossenberg, director of corporate affairs for the Gazette Newspapers and 2004 president of the Corporate Volunteer Council.



We Welcome our New Interns and Staff

Erin Praskievicz, intern, U. of Maryland, Greencastle E.S.

Fiorella Berta, graduate intern, Catholic U. of America, Fox Chapel E.S.

Kimberly Collins, graduate intern, U. of Maryland, Broad Acres E.S.

Jharna Mallick, graduate intern, George Washington U., Broad Acres E.S.

Belinda Lehman, graduate intern, Catholic U. of America, Broad Acres E.S.

Aviva Haber, graduate intern, George Washington U., Broad Acres E.S.

Carlos Aparicio, graduate intern, University of Maryland, Highland E.S.

Hadley Burnam, graduate intern, U. of Maryland, Highland E.S.

Dave Nelson, graduate intern, U. of Maryland, Silver Spring International M.S.

Sheila Sachs, intern, U. of Maryland, Linkages to Learning admin.

Conor Harmon, site coordinator, Silver Spring International M.S.

Angela Aoun, assistant case manager, New Hampshire Estates E.S. & Oakview E.S.

Thang Tranh, community service aide, New Hampshire Estates E.S. & Oakview E.S.

John Witmer, Clinical Director, GUIDE Youth Services

Silvana Rossi, mental health counselor, Summit Hall E.S.

Bernadete Aldrich, mental health counselor, Gaithersburg E.S.

Don Azure, therapist, Gaithersburg M.S.

Deborah Horan, mental health counselor, Kennedy Cluster

Claudiny Stebler, mental health counselor, Kennedy Cluster

Caron Cox-Branch, mental health counselor, Harmony Hills E.S.

Anna Rosales, site coordinator, Parkland M.S.

Shannon Flannery, mental health counselor, Parkland M.S.

Kelly Sicard-Jackson, community service aide, Greencastle E.S. & Banneker M.S.

Toula Candanedo, family service aide, Maryvale E.S.

Antony Adams, case mgr., Maryvale E.S.

Annie Rohlin, school community health nurse, Harmony Hills E.S.

Kathleen McManus, school community health nurse, Eastern M.S.

Alice Bird, school community health nurse, School Health Services Center at Rockinghorse Road

Ann Mulla, school community health nurse, Parkland M.S.

...and say farewell to former colleagues:

Luis Navas-Migueloa, Gaithersburg E.S.

Merlina Perkowski, mental health counselor, Kennedy Cluster

Camille Wheeler RN, Harmony Hills E.S.

Vanessa Morales, site coordinator, Parkland M.S.

Belen Bryant, case manager, Maryvale, E.S.

Louise Bradford, family service aide, Maryvale, E.S.

Heather Joffe, site coordinator, Silver Spring International M.S.



Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive
Montgomery County, Maryland

Linkages to Learning
401 Fleet Street, 1st Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/Linkages

Phone: 240.777.1731

TTY 240.777.1236

Fax: 240.777.1111

ALTERNATIVE FORMATS
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST



To update your address, be removed from our list, or request an email version, contact Cathy, 240.777.1184
cathy.hellmuth@montgomerycountymd.gov

February 2004

Montgomery's Best



Left:

L to R: Joe Adler, director, Office of Human Resources, Carolyn Colvin, director of the Department of Health & Human Services, Ladys Lux, Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan and Montgomery County Council President Steve Silverman.

Below:

Ana Lugo Schmitz (center, white sweater) with Adult ESL participants and volunteers at "graduation" Summit Hall E.S.



Ladys Lux, R.N. and health coordinator at the Linkages to Learning School-Based Health Center at Broad Acres E.S. and **Ana Lugo Schmitz**, Linkages site coordinator at Summit Hall E.S. were honored by County Executive Douglas M. Duncan and County Council President Steve Silverman as "Montgomery's Best" employees. Recognized for their excellence in providing customer service, Ladys and Ana were nominated respectively by Joan Glick, R.N., nurse administrator and Haifa Peter, LCSW-C, program manager.

Linkages School-based Health Centers at Broad Acres and Harmony Hills ES received the 2003 Montgomery's Best Partnership Award for its collaborative approach in addressing children's health and human service needs.

